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Management Policy**

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This meeting is organised jointly by the Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology and the Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste.

To be held at the OECD Headquarters 2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris 3 February 2020, starting at 13.00.

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OECD Expert Workshop on the Misalignment of Chemicals and Waste Management Policy

The issue of policy misalignment at the chemicals/waste interface is becoming an increasingly prominent issue, especially in the context of moving towards a circular economy. A lack of alignment of chemicals and waste management policies has been reported to sometimes hamper material recovery. It has also led to the reuse of material containing hazardous substances that have been recognised as being of concern for human health or the environment or the release of hazardous substances from recycling operations.

This workshop aims to foster a discussion on real-world policy misalignment at the chemicals/waste interface in order to identify and review potential, or already applied, solutions. In order to support this discussion, case studies were submitted via the Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology and the Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste. The case studies received address different sectors and issues. They have been clustered in three themes to facilitate discussion, although the issues overlap to some extent across the themes.

In preparation for the workshop, delegates are asked to consider:

- Do they face similar policy misalignments in their country as identified in the case studies? Why or why not?
- Which potential solutions to the misalignment can be envisioned? How have similar misalignments already been addressed in other countries?

Note that a summary document of the workshop, along with the case studies, will be published.

The working language of the workshop will be English, without interpretation.

Draft Agenda

13.00-13.05

Opening remarks by the Chairs of the Joint Meeting and of the Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste

- Sarah Broomhall, Department of the Environment and Energy, Australia
 - Sofie Bouteligier, Public Waste Agency of Flanders, Belgium
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13.05-13.30

Session 1. Setting the scene

This introductory session will highlight the importance and present some of the key aspects (opportunities and challenges) of aligning chemicals and waste management policies.

(Presentation 15 minutes followed by a 10 minutes Q&A)

13.30-14.30

Session 2. Facilitating material recovery

- Case study from Denmark: Using second-hand chemicals that have primarily been used as process chemicals in the pharmaceutical industry;
- Case study from Colombia: Transferring hazardous waste for re-use from one company to another;
- Case study from Germany: Management of construction and demolition waste containing asbestos.

(30 minutes for presentations followed by a 30 minutes Q&A)

Coffee Break 14.30 – 15.00

15.00-16.00

Session 3. Managing environmental, health and safety risks from the use of recycled materials containing hazardous substances

- Case study from Belgium: safety and environmental impacts of rubber infill used in sport fields;
- Case study from Inland Empire Paper Company and North West Green Chemistry: recycling of paper products contaminated with PCBs in the inks and pigments.

(20 minutes for presentations followed by a 40 minutes Q&A)

16.00-17.00

Session 4. Aligning chemicals and waste legislations for managing hazardous chemicals - the examples of electronics and electrical waste, and healthcare devices waste management

- Case study from the United Kingdom: interaction of the EU POPs Regulation requirements with the requirements of waste legislation for managing electronics and electrical waste;
- Case study from Colombia: defining the management of hazardous substances from electronics and electrical waste;
- Case study from Italy: replacement of PVC in the use of medical devices and disposable items in hospital practice for the final management of waste.

(30 minutes for presentations followed by a 30 minutes Q&A)

17.00-17.30

Session 5. Wrap up

This final session will be a discussion amongst delegations to extract key observations from the case studies and discuss potential areas for future OECD work.